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1. SIXTY-TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM ELEVEN NATIONS ATTENDED THE CCMS DRINKING WATER PILOT STUDY MEETING HOSTED BY THE FRG IN BONN, APRIL 24-27. THE INITIAL SESSION WAS DEVOTED TO A SEMINAR ON WATER REUSE WITH PRESENTATIONS BY THE U.S. (ONGURTH) AND FRG (IMHOFF). IN ADDITION TO ONE AND A HALF DAYS OF WORKING GROUPS MEETING AND A SITE VISIT TO FOUR TYPES OF WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, A SEMINAR IN EPIDEMIOLOGY WAS SPONSORED BY THE HEALTH EFFECTS WORKING GROUP. DETAILS OF PROGRESS MADE IN EACH OF THE SIX SUB-PROJECTS
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FOLLOW.

2. ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY. IN THE FINAL SESSION OF THE MEETING, THE UK (PITWELL) REPORTED THAT THE WORKING GROUP HAD REVIEWED REPLIES TO THEIR INITIAL QUESTIONNAIRE, IDENTIFIED RESPONSES REQUIRING REVISION AND DECIDED ON CONTENT OF THEIR FINAL REPORT. THE GROUP CONSIDERED PLANS FOR

A FUTURE QUESTIONNAIRE ON DATA HANDLING, AUTOMATION, QUALITY ASSURANCE AND CONTROL AND FOR A SEPTEMBER MEETING TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE KARLSRUHE TECHNICAL CONFERENCE (SEE PARA 3). THEY ALSO DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITIES OF HOLDING A SYMPOSIUM ON "RECENT PROGRESS ON ANALYTICAL METHODS FOR SOME CONSTITUENTS ON DRINKING WATER" GROUP MEMBERS WILL INVESTIGATE AVAILABILITY OF TECHNICAL PAPERS, POSSIBLE MEETING SITE IN TIME FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION IN SEPTEMBER.

3. ADVANCED TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY. NO FORMAL MEETING OF THIS SUB-PROJECT WAS HELD, BUT THE FRG (KUHN) REPORTED ON PLANS FOR THE SEPTEMBER TECHNICAL CONFERENCE ON OXIDATION IN KARLSRUHE, THE PROCEEDINGS OF WHICH WILL FORM A MAJOR PART OF THE PROJECT'S FINAL REPORT. A SECOND CONFERENCE ON CARBON USE IN WATER TREATMENT MAY BE HELD IN WASHINGTON IN SPRING 1979. THE KARLSRUHE MEETING WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED BY AN INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE ON OXIDATION PRACTICES. NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT STUDY WILL BE INVITED TO DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE ROUNDTABLE WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE TECHNICAL, REGULATORY, AND POLICY ASPECTS OF DRINKING WATER ISSUES.

4. MICROBIOLOGY. THE SUB-PROJECT GROUP LED BY THE US (CLEVER) CONTINUED WORK ON A DETAILED OUTLINE OF ITS FINAL REPORT WHICH WILL BE CIRCULATED TO PARTICIPANTS BY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROJECT LEADERS. DRAFTING OF FINAL REPORT SEGMENTS WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.

5. HEALTH EFFECTS. THE UK (CHARLESWORTH) REPORTED ON BEHALF OF THE PROJECT LEADER (BORZELLECA, US). PARTICIPANTS HAVE DRAWN UP A LIST OF ORGANIC AND INORGANIC COMPOUNDS PRESENT IN DRINKING WATER THAT REQUIRE TOXICOLOGICAL APPRAISALS AND ASSIGNED DRAFTING RESPONSIBILITIES. THE GROUP PLANS A SPECIAL SEMINAR IN KARLSRUHE ON RISK ASSESSMENT AND CARCINOGENICITY SIMILAR TO THE ONE ON EPIDEMIOLOGY THAT TOOK PLACE IN BONN.

6. WATER REUSE. IN ADDITION TO DECIDING ON THE CONTENTS OF THE FINAL REPORT AND DISCUSSING PLANS TO CIRCULATE A MODIFIED QUESTIONNAIRE, THE GROUP, LED BY UK (GOODMAN), ACCEPTED THE FRENCH PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE SUB-PROJECT TO INCLUDE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT. FRANCE WILL PREPARE A DETAILED OUTLINE OF THAT SECTION OF THE FINAL REPORT IN TIME FOR THE KARLSRUHE MEETING.

7. GROUND WATER. THE FRG (KUSSMAUL) REPORTED THAT THE WORKING GROUP AGREED ON CONTENTS OF THE FINAL REPORT AND THAT SEVERAL FIRST DRAFTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PREPARED. THEY DISCUSSED PLANS FOR A MEETING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE KARLSRUHE TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND FOR A SEMINAR ON ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE IN LATE AUGUST. BENNETT

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